

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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CHRIS GAULKE,

Plaintiff

v.

Case No.: 3:22-cv-579

KILOLO KIJAKAZI,  
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

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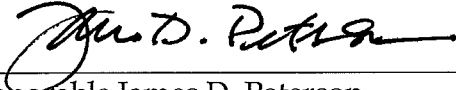
ORDER ON FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT

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This matter coming before the court on the parties' stipulation to award fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and the court being fully advised, Plaintiff is awarded \$5,000.00 for attorney fees and expenses in full satisfaction of any and all claims that may be payable to plaintiff in this matter under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

Any fees paid belong to plaintiff and not plaintiff's attorney and can be offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt that the litigant owes the United States. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If defendant can verify that plaintiff does not owe a pre-existing debt to the government subject to the offset, defendant will direct that the award be made payable to Duncan Disability Law, S.C. pursuant to the EAJA assignment duly signed by plaintiff. If payment is mailed, as compared to electronically deposited, it shall be mailed to counsel's address of record: P.O. Box 217, 555 Birch St., Nekoosa, WI 54457.

SO ORDERED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Peterson", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable James D. Peterson  
United States District Court Judge